

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 and 21-42 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, 12-15, 24, 29, 32, 35, 37, and 39 are amended and claims 16-20 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 12-15 are the independent claims.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b)

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy shown during the telephonic interview conducted on September 22, 2009. Prior to the interview proposed claim amendments were sent to the Examiner so the proposed claim amendments could be discussed during the interview. During the interview the proposed claim amendments were discussed along with arguments as to why the claims as amended in the proposed amendments distinguish over the cited references. The Examiner agreed that the proposed amendments appeared to distinguish over the cited references. The Examiner stated she would need to update her search in order to confirm that the proposed claim amendments would place the claims in condition for allowance. The Examiner further stated that during a preliminary search made in preparation for the interview, she uncovered U.S. Patent Pub. 2005/0019007 and suggested that the Applicants consider this reference before finalizing the proposed claim amendments.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy shown during the telephonic interview conducted on January 12, 2010. Prior to the interview proposed claim amendments were sent to the Examiner. These proposed claim amendments were similar to the proposed claim amendments sent prior to the interview conducted

on September 22, 2009, with minor modifications made to the claims to cure any potential informality issues. Various amended portions of the claims were discussed such as the management information file being separate and having a different file extension from the playlist file were discussed.

Further, the Examiner's rejections of the claims regarding Hamada were discussed. Particularly, the Applicant pointed out that the playitem as shown in Fig. 4 of Hamada, belongs to the playlist file and is different from the segment which belongs to a separate file from the playlist file and launches the playlist file. The Examiner's allegation that the playitem of Hamada launches the playlist file is contradictory because the playitem is a mere part of the playlist file and cannot launch the playlist file.

The Examiner agreed that the proposed claim amendments overcame the current rejections. The Examiner indicated that she wanted to further consider U.S. Pat. Pub. 2005/0019007. The Applicant pointed out that this reference was very similar to Kato (U.S. 7,236,687) of record. In fact, U.S. Pat. Pub. 2005/0019007 relies on the same priority applications as Kato.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-15 and 21-42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,734,788 to Nonomura et al. ("Nonomura") in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,236,687 to Kato et al. ("Kato") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,884,004 to Sato et al. ("Sato") in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,999,674 to Hamada ("Hamada"). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The claims have been amended herein in a manner similar to the proposed claim amendments provided to the Examiner prior to the interview of September 22, 2009, and January 12, 2010. Minor additional amendments have been made since

the proposed claims were presented to the Examiner on September 22, 2009. These additional amendments are made to correct grammar and to ensure claim features have proper antecedent basis. For the reasons discussed during the interviews conducted September 22, 2009, and January 12, 2010, and as agreed by the Examiner, the amendments made herein to the claims make the claims patentably distinct from the cited references discussed above.

With respect to U.S. Pat. Pub. 2005/0019007 cited by the Examiner during the interview on September 22, 2009, the Applicants have reviewed this reference. U.S. Pat. Pub. 2005/0019007 is related to Kato already cited above. Both references claim foreign priority data to the same two Japanese Patent Applications, JP 2000-183770 and JP 2000-268043. The Applicant is unaware of any new relevant teachings of U.S. Pat. Pub. 2005/0019007 that may cause the claims to be rejected not already found in Kato described above. Because the claims as amended herein are patentably distinct from Kato, the Applicant respectfully asserts that the claims as amended herein are also patentably distinct over U.S. Pat. Pub. 2005/0019007.

For at least these reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 of claims 1-15 and 21-42 be removed.

Furthermore, as discussed during the interview, the playitem as shown in Fig. 4 of Hamada, belongs to the playlist file and is different from the segment which belongs to a separate file from the playlist file and launches the playlist file. The Examiner's allegation that the playitem of Hamada launches the playlist file is contradictory because the playitem is a mere part of the playlist file and cannot launch the playlist file.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-15 and 21-42 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a two (2) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$490.00 extension fee herewith.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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